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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/465,006
Filing Date	December 16, 1999
Examiner Name	Shean Chiu Wu
First Named Inventor	Michael HECKMEIER et al.
Group Art Unit	1756
Attorney Docket Number	MERCK-2073

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on September 22, 2003, as well as the Supplemental Reply After Final Rejection and the Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 filed September 26, 2003. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☒ Reply Filed With RCE
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____


2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ **770.00** enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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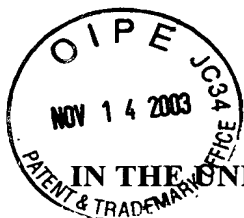
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Title: LIQUID-CRYSTAL MEDIUM, AND ELECTRO-OPTICAL DISPLAY
CONTAINING THE LIQUID-CRYSTAL MEDIUM

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Sir:

Concurrent with the Request for Continued Examination, kindly reconsider the application for allowance in view of the following additional remarks. The Amendment After Final Rejection of September 22, 2003, which was refused entry, should now be entered as requested in the RCE and the Supplement to that amendment providing a 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 Declaration on September 26, 2003, should also be entered. The remarks made in these entered filings should be fully considered and the following Remarks are submitted to further supplement those remarks, particularly to address the Advisory Action of October 15, 2003.